

DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN

For Respondent Only

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Response

**Part 3: Respond to a Divorce Petition
(Forms Packet)**



SELF SERVICE CENTER

**DISSOLUTION OF A NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE (DIVORCE) WITH
CHILDREN
FOR RESPONDENT ONLY**

PART 3 -- RESPONSE TO A PETITION

How to assemble these documents

This packet contains court forms about how to respond to a ***“Petition for Dissolution of a Non-Covenant Marriage (Divorce) With Children.”*** Be sure the documents are in the following order:

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**RESPONSE TO PETITION AND PAPERS FOR DISSOLUTION
OF A NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE (DIVORCE) –
WITH CHILDREN**

CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet **ONLY** if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ You want to file a Response to a ***“Petition for Dissolution of a Non-Covenant Marriage (Divorce) With Children”***, AND
- ✓ You and your spouse have children with each other OR the wife is pregnant by the husband or will be pregnant by the husband before the divorce is over.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document, or get involved with a court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing. The Self-Service Center has a list of lawyers who can give you legal advice and can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you want to know more about our list of lawyers and our list of mediators, ask the Self-Service Center staff.

Name of Person Filing: (A) _____
Your Address: _____
Your City, State, Zip Code: _____
Your Telephone Number: _____
ATLAS Number (if applicable): _____
Attorney Bar Number (if applicable): _____
Representing ☐ Self (Without Attorney) OR ☐ Attorney for ☐ Petitioner OR ☐ Respondent

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner (B) Case Number: _____ (C)

Name of Respondent

**RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR
DISSOLUTION OF A NON-COVENANT
MARRIAGE (DIVORCE) WITH CHILDREN**

STATEMENTS TO THE COURT, UNDER OATH:

1. INFORMATION ABOUT MY SPOUSE, THE PETITIONER

Name: _____
Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____
Job Title: _____
Starting with today number of months/years in a row, you, the Petitioner, have lived in Arizona: _____

2. INFORMATION ABOUT ME, THE RESPONDENT

Name: _____
Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____
Job Title: _____
Starting with today number of months/years in a row, you, the Petitioner, have lived in Arizona: _____

3. INFORMATION ABOUT MY MARRIAGE:

Date of Marriage: _____
City and state or country where we were married: _____
☐ We do **not** have a covenant marriage. (**Warning:** If this statement is not true, the petitioner cannot proceed. You should file a motion to dismiss, and then petition the court for a Dissolution of a Covenant Marriage, if you want a divorce.) **I have attached a copy of my marriage license to show that I do not have a covenant marriage.**

- 4. 90 DAY REQUIREMENT:** ☐ I or ☐ my spouse have lived, or have been stationed while a member of the Armed Forces, in Arizona for at least 90 days before I filed this action. (**WARNING:** If this statement is **not** true, the petitioner **cannot** proceed. You should file a motion to dismiss. You or the petitioner can then re-file the divorce papers when the statement is true.)

5. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** (Check the box to indicate whether or not domestic violence has occurred, if you intend to ask for joint custody):

Domestic violence ☐ **has not** occurred during this marriage or ☐ Domestic violence **has** occurred, **but** the domestic violence **has not been significant**.

6. **CHILDREN OF THE PARTIES WHO ARE LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD** (check one box):

☐ There are **no** children common to the parties, under the age of 18, either born to or adopted by, the parties. **NOTE: IF YOU CHECKED THIS BOX, STOP. YOU SHOULD BE USING THE PETITION PACKET TO GET A DIVORCE WITHOUT CHILDREN.**

☐ The following child(ren), common to the parties, are under age 18 and were born to, or adopted by, my spouse and me: (Attach extra pages if necessary).

Child's Name _____
Social Security No. _____ Birth Date: _____
Address: _____
Length of Time at Address: _____

Child's Name _____
Social Security No. _____ Birth Date: _____
Address _____
Length of Time at Address: _____

Child's Name _____
Social Security No. _____ Birth Date: _____
Address _____
Length of Time at Address: _____

Child's Name _____
Social Security No. _____ Birth Date: _____
Address _____
Length of Time at Address: _____

7. **PREGNANCY**

☐ Wife is **not** pregnant, OR

☐ Wife **is** pregnant

The baby is due on _____ (date), (and, check one box below):

☐ The Petitioner and Respondent are the parents of the child, OR

☐ Petitioner is not the parent of the child, OR.

☐ Respondent is not the parent of the child.

8. **SUMMARY OF WHAT I WANT CONCERNING OUR CHILD(REN) THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT MY SPOUSE ASKED FOR IN THE PETITION and AFFIDAVIT OF MINOR CHILDREN.** _____

9.a. COMMUNITY PROPERTY: (check one box)

- ☐ My spouse and I did **not** acquire any community property during the marriage, OR
☐ My spouse and I **did** acquire community property during our marriage, and we should divide it as follows:

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Real estate located at: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Legal Description: _____			

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Real estate located at: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Legal Description: _____			

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Household furniture and appliances:			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Household furnishings:			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Other items:			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Pension/retirement fund/profit sharing/stock plan/401K:			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicles:			
Make _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Model _____			
VIN _____			
Lien Holder _____			
 Make _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Model _____			
VIN _____			
Lien Holder _____			

9.b. SEPARATE PROPERTY. (Check all boxes that apply.)

- ☐ I do **not** have any property (separate property) that I brought into the marriage.
- ☐ My spouse, the Respondent does **not** have any property (separate property) that he/she brought into the marriage.
- ☐ I have property (separate property) that I brought into the marriage. I want this property awarded to me as described below.
- ☐ My spouse, the Respondent, has property (separate property) that he/she brought into the marriage. I want this property awarded to my spouse as described below.

Separate Property: (List the property and the value of the property, and check the box to tell the court who should get the property.)

Description of Separate Property	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

10.a. COMMUNITY DEBTS: (check one box)

- ☐ My spouse and I did **not** incur any community debts during the marriage, **OR**
- ☐ We should divide the responsibility for the debts incurred during the marriage as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	Petitioner	Respondent	Amount Owed
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

10.b. SEPARATE DEBTS. (Check all boxes that apply.)

- ☐ My spouse and I do **not** have any debts that were incurred prior to the marriage or separate debt **OR**
- ☐ I have separate debt or debt that I incurred prior to the marriage that should be paid by me as described below.

- ☐ My spouse has separate debt or debt that he/she or incurred prior to the marriage that should be paid by my spouse as described below.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	Petitioner	Respondent	Amount Owed
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

11. **SUMMARY OF WHAT I, THE RESPONDENT, REQUEST CONCERNING PROPERTY AND DEBTS THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT MY SPOUSE ASKED FOR IN THE PETITION.** _____

12. **TAX RETURNS: (Check this box if this is what you want).**

- ☐ After the judge or commissioner signs the Decree of Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce), we will pay federal and state taxes, according to IRS Rules and Regulations, as follows: For previous years (the years we were married, **not** including the year the Decree was signed), the parties will file joint federal and state income tax returns. In addition, for previous calendar years, both parties will, according to IRS Rules and Regulations, pay and hold the other harmless from half of all additional income taxes if any and other costs, and each will share equally in any refunds. For the calendar year (the year that the Decree is signed) and all future calendar years, each party will file, according to IRS Rules and Regulations, separate federal and state income tax returns. Each party will give the other party all necessary documentation to do so.

13. **SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT (ALIMONY) (check the box that applies to you):**

- ☐ Neither party is entitled to spousal maintenance/support (alimony), OR
☐ Petitioner OR ☐ Respondent is entitled to spousal maintenance/support because: (Check one or more of the box(es) below that apply. At least one reason must apply to get spousal maintenance/support)
- ☐ Person lacks sufficient property to provide for his/her reasonable needs;
 - ☐ Person is unable to support himself/herself through appropriate employment;
 - ☐ Person is the custodian of a child(ren) whose age or condition is such that the person should not be required to seek employment outside the home;
 - ☐ Person lacks earning ability in the labor market adequate to support himself/herself; and,
 - ☐ Person contributed to the educational opportunities of the other spouse or had a marriage of long duration and is now of an age that precludes the possibility of gaining employment adequate to support himself/herself.

14. **SUMMARY OF WHAT I REQUEST REGARDING SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT MY SPOUSE ASKED FOR IN THE PETITION.** _____

OTHER STATEMENTS TO THE COURT:

15. **STATUS OF MARRIAGE AND CONCILIATION: (Check only one box).**

- ☐ My marriage is irretrievably broken and there is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation. (My

- ☐ marriage is over.) The conciliation requirements under Arizona law, A.R.S. 25-381.09 either do **not** apply or have been met. (This means that we have obtained marriage counseling through Conciliation Services, or going to marriage counseling would not help), OR
- ☐ My marriage is not irretrievably broken and there are reasonable prospects of reconciliation. The conciliation requirements under Arizona law, A.R.S. 25-381.09 either apply or have **not** been met. **Explain** to the court why you disagree: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

16. CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION. (Check only one box).

- ☐ This court has jurisdiction to decide child custody matters under Arizona law because the children have lived in Arizona for at least 6 months before the Petition was filed or if the children are younger than 6 months old, that they have lived in the State of Arizona since birth.
- ☐ This court does not have jurisdiction to decide child custody matters under Arizona law because the child(ren) have not lived in Arizona for at least 6 months before the Petition was filed. **Explain:** (There are other reasons why the court may **not** have jurisdiction due to the residence of the children. See a lawyer for help.) _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

17. GENERAL DENIAL. I deny anything stated in the Petition that I have not specifically admitted, qualified or denied.

18. WRITTEN CUSTODY AGREEMENT. (Check the boxes that apply, if they apply)

- ☐ My spouse and I have a written agreement signed by both of us about the custody, visitation, and child support for our child(ren).
- ☐ I have attached a copy of the written agreement.

REQUESTS TO THE COURT:

A. DISSOLUTION (DIVORCE):

- ☐ Dissolve the parties' marriage and return each party to the status of a single person;
- ☐ Dismiss this case and refuse to dissolve the marriage due to my answers in:
- ☐ Number 3 about covenant marriage;
- ☐ Number 4 about domicile for 90 days;
- ☐ Number 15, about the marriage not being irretrievably broken.
- ☐ Dissolve the marriage and return each party to status of a single person, but refuse to decide child custody matters due to lack of jurisdiction as stated in number 16 above.

B. NAMES: Restore ☐ wife ☐ husband to her or his former name of _____

WARNING: If you are **not** the person who is requesting to have your former name restored, the court must have a written request from the party who wants his or her name restored to change the name.

C. CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION: Award custody and visitation of the children under the age of 18 and common to the parties, as follows: (Check either the sole custody box or the joint custody box.

If you check the sole custody box, check only one box related to visitation.)

- C.1.** ☐ **SOLE CUSTODY** of the minor child(ren) awarded to ☐ Petitioner OR ☐ Respondent, subject to visitation as follows:
- ☐ Reasonable visitation rights to the parent not having custody, as will be described in the Parenting Plan attached to the Divorce Decree.
- ☐ Supervised visitation between the children and the ☐ Petitioner OR ☐ Respondent is in the best interest of the children because: (Explain the reasons for supervision or no visitation. Use extra paper if necessary.)
 Name of the person who will supervise: _____
 Requested restrictions on visitation: (explain here) _____

- The cost of supervised parent/child access will be paid by ☐ the parent being supervised; ☐ the parent having custody; ☐ shared equally by the parties.
- ☐ No visitation rights to the parent **not** having custody is in the best interests of the child(ren) because: (Explain the reasons for no visitation. Use extra paper if necessary):
OR
- C.2.** ☐ **JOINT CUSTODY:** Petitioner and Respondent agree to act as joint custodians of the child(ren) as set forth in the Joint Custody Agreement signed by the parties, if the court agrees with the Joint Custody Agreement. (Remember, there can be no domestic violence in your marriage to get joint custody.)

- D. CHILD SUPPORT:** Order that child support will be paid by: ☐ Petitioner, OR ☐ Respondent in a reasonable amount as determined by the court under the ***“Arizona Child Support Guidelines.”*** Support payments will begin on the first day of the first month following the entry of the divorce decree. These payments, and a fee for handling, will be paid through the Clerk of the Court/Clearinghouse and collected by automatic wage assignment.
- E. INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE EXPENSES FOR CHILDREN:** Order that the ☐ Petitioner, OR ☐ Respondent will pay for the health, medical, and dental insurance coverage for the child(ren) under the age of 18 and common to the parties. Petitioner and Respondent will pay for all reasonable unreimbursed medical, dental, and health-related expenses incurred for the child(ren) in proportion to their respective incomes.
- F. TAX EXEMPTION:** The parties will, subject to IRS Rules and Regulations, claim the children as income tax dependency exemptions on federal and state income tax returns as follows:

Parent entitled to claim	Name of child	Current tax year	Later tax years
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____	_____

- G. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT (ALIMONY):** ☐ Order spousal maintenance/support to be paid by ☐ Petitioner, or ☐ Respondent in the amount of \$_____ per month beginning with the first day of the month after the Judicial Officer signs the Decree and continuing until the person receiving spousal support is remarried or deceased, or for a period of _____ months.
- H. COMMUNITY PROPERTY:** Make a fair division of all community property.
- I. COMMUNITY DEBTS:** Order each party to pay community debts as requested in the Petition, and to pay any other community debts unknown to the other party. Order each party to pay, and hold the other party harmless from, debts incurred by him/her since the parties' separation on (date): _____ or since the date the Respondent was served with the Petition for Dissolution.
- J. SEPARATE PROPERTY and DEBT:** Award each party his/her separate property and make each party pay his/her own separate debt.
- K. OTHER ORDERS I AM REQUESTING** (Explain request here): _____

OATH AND VERIFICATION OF RESPONDENT

STATE OF ARIZONA)
 County of Maricopa) ss.

I, the Respondent, being duly sworn and under oath, state that I have read this Response. All the statements in the Response are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNED: _____
 Respondent's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____,

By _____
 (Respondent's name)

My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC: _____

Name of Person Filing: _____ (A)
Your Address: _____
Your City, State, Zip Code: _____
Your Telephone Number: _____
ATLAS Number (if applicable): _____
Attorney Bar Number (if applicable): _____
Representing ☐ Self (Without a lawyer) OR ☐ Attorney for _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner (B)

Case Number: _____ (C)

**RESPONSE TO CHILD SUPPORT
INFORMATION FORM**

Name of Respondent

STATEMENTS TO THE COURT, UNDER OATH:

1. INFORMATION ABOUT MY SPOUSE, the Petitioner:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Social security number: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Job Title: _____
Employer's Name: _____
Employer's Address: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT ME, the Respondent:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Social security number: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Job Title: _____
Employer's Name: _____
Employer's Address: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT MARRIAGE:

Date of Marriage: _____

4. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD(REN): The following child(ren) is/are under 18 and were born to or adopted by my spouse and me during our marriage or paternity has been established.

NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH
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Currently Resides with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	
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Current Address: _____

NAME

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

Currently Resides with: ☐ Mother ☐ Father

Current Address: _____

NAME

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

Currently Resides with: ☐ Mother ☐ Father

Current Address: _____

NAME

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

Currently Resides with: ☐ Mother ☐ Father

Current Address: _____

5. ACCESS

About how many days each week does the other parent see the children? _____ days
About how much time each day _____ hours

6. MEDICAL INSURANCE

- Who provides medical insurance for the children? ☐ Mother or ☐ Father
- How much does that parent pay each month for the children's medical insurance? \$ _____
- If you are not sure how much it costs to insure the children, state how much that parent pays and for how many people: \$ _____ Number of people _____

7. DAY CARE

- Do the child(ren) require day care? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If the child(ren) require day care, who pays it? ☐ Mother or ☐ Father
- How much does it cost each month on average over the entire year? \$ _____

8. INFORMATION ABOUT SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT

- A. ♦ Does Mother regularly pay court-ordered spousal maintenance/support (alimony)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
♦ If so, how much each month? \$ _____
- B. ♦ Does Father regularly pay court-ordered spousal maintenance/support?
☐ Yes ☐ No
♦ If so, how much each month? \$ _____

9. INFORMATION ABOUT INCOME

- A. What is Mother's gross (total) monthly income (before deductions and taxes)? \$ _____
- B. What is Father's gross (total) monthly income (before deductions and taxes)? \$ _____

10. INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER CHILDREN.

- A. ♦ Does Mother pay court-ordered child support for any other children? ☐ Yes ☐ No
♦ If so, how much each month? \$ _____
- B. ♦ Does Father pay court-ordered child support for any other children? ☐ Yes ☐ No
♦ If so, how much each month? \$ _____
- C. ♦ Does Mother support any other natural or adopted children who also live with Mother? ☐ Yes ☐ No
♦ If so, how many and what are their names, ages and dates of birth? _____

- D. ♦ Does Father support any other natural or adopted children who also live with Father? ☐ Yes ☐ No
♦ If so, how many and what are their names, ages and dates of birth? _____

11. OTHER CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS

- ♦ Are there any other child support orders in effect for any of the children in described in #10 above? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, list the name of the child affected, the name of the issuing court(s) and case number(s):

12. PREGNANCY

- ☐ Wife is not pregnant, or
☐ Wife is pregnant. The baby is due on _____ (date), (and, check one box below)
☐ The Petitioner and Respondent are the parents of the child, or
☐ Petitioner is not the parent of the child, or
☐ Respondent is not the parent of the child

13. SUMMARY OF WHAT I SAY ABOUT OUR CHILDREN THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT MY SPOUSE ASKED FOR IN THE CHILD SUPPORT INFORMATION FORM: _____

Address Information. It is very important for you (Petitioner and Respondent) to keep the court informed of your most current address. This means that if the address information on this form is incorrect or if you change address, you must contact the Clerk of the Court and give them your new or current address. Change of Address forms can be obtained at the Self-Service Center located at both courthouse locations: 101 West Jefferson, 1st Floor, Phoenix, Arizona, or 222 East Javelina, Mesa, Arizona, or on the Internet at:
www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ssc/sschome.html.

OATH AND VERIFICATION OF RESPONDENT

STATE OF ARIZONA)
Maricopa County)ss.

I, the Respondent, being duly sworn and under oath, state that I have read this Response. All the statements in the Response are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNED: _____
Respondent's Signature

Subscribed and sworn before me this date: _____ by _____
Respondent's Name

NOTARY PUBLIC: _____

My commission expires: _____

ATLAS Number (if applicable): _____
Attorney for Petitioner: (if applicable) _____
Attorney's Bar Number and Email (if applicable) _____
Attorney for Respondent: (if applicable) _____
Attorney's Bar Number and Email (if applicable) _____

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY
FOR USE IN FAMILY COURT CASES ONLY**

Name of Petitioner (Please PRINT)

Case Number: _____

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
STATEMENT TO THE COURT
A.R.C.P. 16(g)(2)**

Name of Respondent (Please PRINT)

Check Appropriate Box Below:

- ☐ Petitioner's Statement
☐ Respondent's Statement
☐ Joint Statement (signed by both parties)

As required by Rule 16(g)(2) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, and under penalty of perjury, the responses below are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

1. Have you and the other party discussed, in person or by telephone, the possibility of settling your case, and whether you might benefit from participating in some form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR)? (Check only one.)

☐ (a) YES, and I/we have checked our ADR choices under Number 2, on page 2.

☐ (b) YES, but we are not sure which ADR option best fits our situation. (Go to Number 2.)

☐ (c) YES, but I/we feel ADR would not be appropriate because: (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ A court Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment prohibiting contact is in effect.
☐ There is a fear of violence.
☐ Other reasons (Please Explain): _____

☐ (d) NO, we have not discussed because: (Check all that apply. Then go to Number 2.)

- ☐ A court Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment prohibiting contact is in effect.
☐ There is a fear of violence.
☐ Other reasons (Please Explain): _____

2. Please indicate in the next section which ADR option(s), *if any*, you prefer. Only check boxes in the column that is appropriate for you: If you are the Petitioner, only check boxes in the column for the Petitioner; if you are the Respondent, only check boxes in the column for the Respondent. If both parties are signing this document, make sure each party checks only their own choices. If both boxes are checked, the Court assumes you both agree to that option.

See the separate instructions for an explanation of each of these options.

I am/we are unsure which ADR option is best for our situation. I/we request a (free) conference with a court appointed ADR specialist to discuss options.	Petitioner	Respondent
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Court Sponsored: We wish to use the court sponsored ADR services below.		
Mediation of custody and/or parenting time through Conciliation Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expedited Services for child support, spousal maintenance, custody, parenting time (visitation), grandparent visitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Settlement conference using a judicial officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private ADR: We wish to hire and pay for the private ADR services below.		
Mediation of all disputed issues using a <u>private</u> ADR provider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arbitration of all disputed issues using a <u>private</u> ADR provider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Settlement conference using a <u>private</u> ADR provider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other <u>private</u> ADR services. What type? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. If any private ADR services were checked above, the name, address and phone number of that private provider, **if known at this time**, is:

Name

Address

Address cont.

Phone

4. We expect to complete the ADR service(s) (court provided *or* private) by: _____.
Month/Day/Year

Sign and print **your own** name below. **DO NOT** write the **other party's** name or signature.

Petitioner's Signature

Date

Respondent's Signature

Date